

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (canceled).

2. (currently amended) A subscriber-specific communications device for use in conjunction with a portable host, ~~and a removable module, at least one communications subsystem external to the subscriber-specific communications device, and at least one subscriber service available via the at least one external communications subsystem,~~ the portable host having a first slot and the removable module containing subscriber services information, the subscriber-specific communications device comprising:

a removable expansion card having a second slot to receive the removable module, removable module interface circuitry to manage data transfers with the removable module, host-interconnect adapted to couple with the portable host, I/O adapter circuitry adapted to couple to the external communications subsystem, and communications circuitry adapted to have behavior based at least in part on the subscriber services information contained in the removable module; and

wherein the first slot and the second slot are respectively a first-level slot and a second-level slot, the removable expansion card is a first-level module adapted to couple to the portable host via the first-level slot, the removable module is a second-level module adapted to couple to the first-level module via the second-level slot, ~~and the data transfers include transferring information between the first-level module and the second-level module, and the subscriber services information contained in the removable module is used to determine capabilities of the portable host with respect to use of the subscriber service available via the external communications subsystem coupled to the I/O adapter circuitry.~~

3. (previously presented) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2, wherein the removable module is a removable memory and the removable module interface circuitry includes removable memory adapter circuitry.

1 4. (canceled)

1 | 5. (currently amended) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2~~claim 4~~,
2 wherein the I/O adapter circuitry is adapted to couple to an antenna external to the
3 removable expansion card.

1 | 6. (currently amended) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2~~claim 4~~,
2 wherein the I/O adapter circuitry is adapted to couple to a communications link external
3 to the removable expansion card.

1 7. (canceled)

1 | 8. (currently amended) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2~~claim 4~~,
2 wherein the I/O adapter circuitry is coupled to a receiver.

1 | 9. (currently amended) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2~~claim 4~~,
2 wherein the I/O adapter circuitry includes a telephone interface.

1 | 10. (currently amended) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2~~claim 4~~,
2 wherein the I/O adapter circuitry includes an antenna interface.

1 | 11. (currently amended) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2~~claim 4~~,
2 wherein the I/O adapter circuitry includes a network interface.

1 | 12. (currently amended) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2~~claim 4~~,
2 wherein the I/O adapter circuitry includes a serial interface.

1 13. (previously presented) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2, wherein
2 messages are received and captured by a receiver.

1 14. (previously presented) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 13, wherein
2 the captured messages are accessible via the portable host.

- 1 15. (previously presented) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 14, wherein:
2 the messages include broadcast messages; and
3 the captured messages include captured broadcast messages.
- 1 16. (previously presented) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 14, wherein
2 the behavior of the communications circuitry includes filtering out a portion of the
3 captured messages not applicable to a present status of a subscriber.
- 1 17. (previously presented) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2, wherein
2 services are received and captured by a receiver.
- 1 18. (previously presented) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 17, wherein
2 the captured services are accessible via the portable host.
- 1 19. (previously presented) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 18, wherein:
2 the services include broadcast services; and
3 the captured services include captured broadcast services.
- 1 20. (previously presented) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 18, wherein
2 the behavior of the communications circuitry includes filtering out a portion of the
3 captured services not applicable to a present status of a subscriber.
- 1 21. (previously presented) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2, wherein
2 the subscriber services information is for an individual user.
- 1 22. (previously presented) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2, wherein
2 the contents of the removable module are used to identify the subscriber services
3 currently associated with an individual.
- 1 23. (previously presented) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2, wherein
2 the contents of the removable module are used to determine user access to subscriber
3 services.

- 1 24. (previously presented) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2, wherein
2 the contents of the removable module are used to selectively enable at least some
3 communications in accordance with subscriber status.
- 1 25. (previously presented) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2, wherein:
2 the removable expansion card is a closed-case removable expansion card.
- 1 26. (previously presented) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 25, wherein:
2 the closed-case removable expansion card is compatible for use in slots adapted to at least
3 one of the 16-bit PCMCIA card type and the 32-bit Card Bus card type.
- 1 27. (previously presented) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2, wherein:
2 the removable expansion card is compatible for use in slots compliant with at least one
3 industry standard specification having "CompactFlash" in the title and published
4 by the CompactFlash Association.
- 1 28. (previously presented) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2, wherein
2 the removable module is compatible for use in slots compliant with at least one industry
3 standard specification having "MultiMediaCard" in the title and published by the
4 MultiMediaCard Association.
- 1 29. (previously presented) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2, wherein
2 the removable expansion card further includes an expansion card frame and PCB.
- 1 30. (previously presented) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2, wherein
2 the portable host is a PDA.
- 1 31. (previously presented) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2, wherein
2 the portable host is a portable computer.